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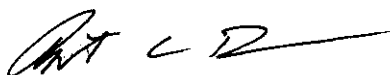
Marlene H. Dortch  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support-ICLS  
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Rice Belt Telephone Company, Inc. ("the Company"), will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support-ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for the study area under the common control of the company, and is listed below.

Rice Belt Telephone Company, Inc.



Robert C. Pierson  
President

Date: 5/13/03

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Code: 401721